

Elections 101



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What to Expect?

- Basic Election Concepts
- Terminology and “Election Lingo”
- Citations and References
- Preview of other Presentations



Election Glossary/Acronym List

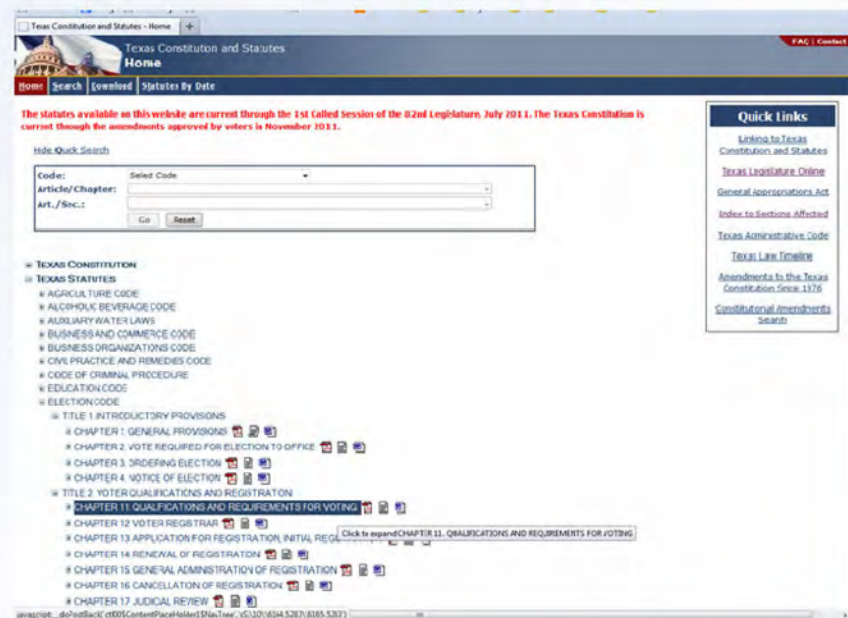
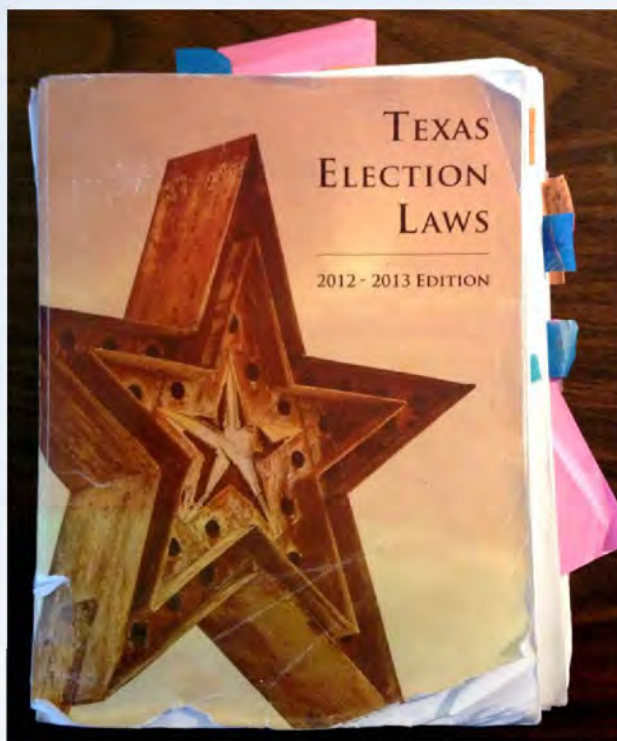


Sources of Law

- Texas Election Code
- Texas Administrative Code
- Advisories/Memos
- OAG Opinions
- Other Texas Statutes
 - Local Government Code
 - Government Code
 - Education Code
 - Water Code,
 - Agriculture Code, etc.....



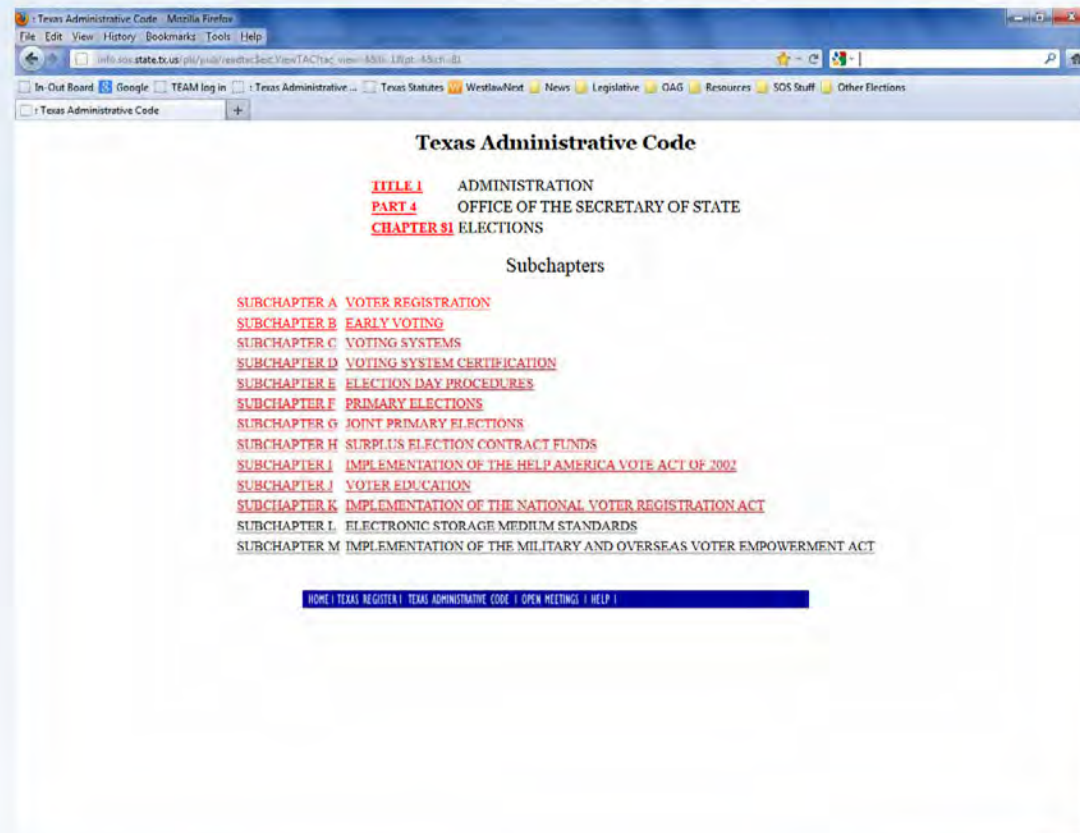
Texas Election Code



<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>



Texas Administrative Code



[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=4&ch=81](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=4&ch=81)



Secretary of State



- Secretary John Steen
 - Chief Election Officer
 - Official Forms
 - Uniformity
 - Assistance and Advice
 - Voting Rights Hotline
 - Referral of Complaints to OAG



County Election Officials

- County Election Commission
 - County judge, county clerk, county tax assessor-collector, county chair of each political party.
- County Election Board
 - County judge, county clerk, VR, sheriff
 - County chair of each political party required to nominate by primary election



County Election Officials

- County Clerk
- Tax-Assessor Collector as Voter Registrar
 - Volunteer Deputy Registrars
- County Elections Administrator



Election Officials

- Early Voting Clerk
- Presiding Judge/Alternate Judge
- Election Day Clerks
- Early Voting Ballot Board



Voter Registration

- Eligibility to Vote
- “Qualified Voter”
- Voter Registration Application
- Registration Certificate
- Confirmation of Residence
- Cancellation
 - Notice of Investigation
 - Verification of Voter Status
- Reinstatement



Voter Registration

- Eligibility to Vote (11.001)
 - A person must be a qualified voter on the day the person offers to vote.
 - A person must be a resident of the territory covered by the election for the office or measure upon which a person desires to vote, and;
 - A person must satisfy all other requirements by law for that election.
 - If a person resides on property located in more than one territory, the person is required to choose which territory the residence of the person is located.

- Qualified Voter (11.002)
 - 18 years of age,
 - U.S. Citizen,
 - Not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to a totally mentally incapacitated, or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote,
 - Not finally convicted of a felony. If a person has a felony conviction, they can regain their right to vote when the person's sentence is fully discharged, including any term of incarceration, parole or supervision or completed a period of probation or if the person has been pardoned or released from the resulting disability to vote.
 - Resident of the State, and;
 - Registered voter.



Voter Registration

- Application Required for Registration (13.002)
 - In writing, signed by the applicant, and
 - Submitted by **personal delivery, mail, or fax transmission**
 - If submitted by fax, a copy of the registration application must be submitted by mail and be received by the VR no later than the fourth business day after the fax is received.

Texas Voter Registration Application

Please complete sections by printing LEGIBLY. If you have any questions about how to fill out this application, please call your local voter registrar.

1 These Questions Must Be Completed Before Proceeding

Check one:

☐ New Application ☐ Change of address, name, or other information ☐ Request for a Replacement Card

Are you a United States Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you checked 'No' in response to either of the above, do not complete this form.

Are you interested in serving as an election worker? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2 Last Name (include suffix if any) First Name Middle Name Former Name (if any)

3 Residence Address: Street address and apartment number if any. (Include where you live. Do not leave P.O. box, rural or business address.) City TEXAS County Zip Code

4 Mailing Address: Street address and apartment number (if not, same as residence address.) City State Zip Code

5 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) **6** Gender (optional) ☐ Male ☐ Female **7** Telephone Number (optional)

8 Texas Driver's License No. or Texas Personal ID No. (Issued by the Department of Public Safety). If no Texas Driver's License or Personal Identification, give last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. XXX-XX-XXXX

☐ I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License/Personal Identification Number or Social Security Number.

9 I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury, and a crime under state and federal law. Conviction of this crime may result in imprisonment up to 180 days, a fine up to \$2,000, or both. Please read all 22nd Amendments to affirm before signing.

☒ I am a resident of this county and a U.S. citizen.

☐ I have not been finally convicted of a felony, or if I have, I have completed all of my punishment including any term of incarceration, parole, suspension, period of probation, or I have been pardoned, and

☐ I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising juvenile jurisdiction to be totally or partially incompetent or partially regularly incompetent without the right to vote.

Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if signed by someone other than applicant. Date

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JOHN STEEN

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Voter Registration Application

Note: This service is best viewed and printed using Internet Explorer 7 and higher or Firefox.

Request a voter application to be mailed to you.

Are you a United States Citizen?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Application Type:

☐ New ☐ Change ☐ Replacement

Are you interested in serving as an election worker?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Information

First Name Middle Name Last Name Former Name

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Gender (optional) ☐ Male ☐ Female Telephone Number (include Area Code) (optional)

TX Driver's License No. or PERSONAL ID No. (Issued by the Department of Public Safety). If no TX Driver's License or Personal Identification, give last 4 digits of your Social Security Number XXX-XX-XXXX.

☐ I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License/Personal Identification Number or Social Security Number.

Residence Address

County Address City

Select State Zip

TX

Mailing Address (if different from Residential Address)

Address City State Zip

www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml

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Voter Registration – Cancellation/Reinstatement

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Sections 16.033(a), 16.034, Texas Election Code
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that your voter registration has been cancelled in _____ County on _____ (date).

The reason for cancellation was:

Check one:

☐ Receipt of request to cancel voter registration

☐ Receipt of abstract of mental incapacity

☐ Receipt of abstract of felony conviction

☐ Receipt of abstract of judgment in an election contest that you were a disqualified voter

☐ After examination of your registration under Sec. 16.033, Texas Election Code

☐ Failure to respond to Notice for Proof of Citizenship

☐ I received a change of address which indicated a new address outside this county. You will need to re-register in the county of your new address. Your registration is canceled in this county.

You may request a hearing on the cancellation of your registration by submitting a written request for such hearing. If you request a hearing, a notice will be mailed to you setting forth the date of the hearing. The hearing will be scheduled within ten (10) days after your request or on a later date if you so request.

If after the hearing, the voter registrar determines that your registration shall remain cancelled, you are entitled to appeal the adverse decision issued by the voter registrar by petitioning for review in district court not later than the 30th day after the adverse decision is issued.

If you should have any questions regarding this cancellation, please contact me at _____ (insert phone number).

Signature of Voter Registrar

Address of Voter Registrar

- Cancellation occurs upon the voter's request or when the voter registrar receives certain information.
- Investigation (16.033)
 - Notice of Investigation
 - Verification of Voter status
- Reinstatement (16.037, 16.038)
 - Occurs immediately upon discovery that cancellation should not have occurred.



General Election Information

- Uniform Election Dates
- Types of Elections
- Plurality v. Majority
- Contacts/Joint Elections



Uniform Election Dates

– Uniform Election Dates –(41.001)

- Each **general or special election** is required to be held on one of the following dates:
 - Second Saturday in May in an odd-numbered year;
 - Second Saturday in May in an even numbered year (for political subdivisions other than a county); OR
 - First Tuesday after the First Monday in a November.
- EXCEPTIONS:
 - Runoff election
 - Elections that result from a court order
 - Emergency election under Section 41.0011
 - Election to fill vacancy in the legislature under Section 203.013
 - **Election held under a statute that expressly provides that the requirement of Subsection (a) does not apply to the election,**
 - Initial election for the members of the governing body of a newly incorporated city.



Types of Elections

- Presidential Election,
- General Election for State and County officers,
- Primary Elections,
- Constitutional Amendment Election (November odd-numbered years),
- Local Option Liquor Elections,
- Municipal Elections,
- School District Elections,
- Water District Elections,
- Hospital District Elections,
- Tax Ratification Elections,
- Bond Elections,
- Bingo Elections,
- Stock Law Elections,
- Leash Law Elections, etc., etc., etc.....



Plurality v. Majority

- **Plurality:** A candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate for the office.
- **Majority Vote:** A candidate must receive more than 50% of the total vote.
 - Runoff Election: If no candidate received the vote necessary to be elected in an election requiring a majority vote, a runoff election is required. (2.021)
- Elections that Require a **Majority Vote**:
 - Primary election (172.003)
 - Special election to fill vacancy in legislature or Congress (203.003, 204.005, 204.021)
 - Election for an office of a city with a population of 200,000 or more.
 - City that has increased the term of its elected officials to more than two years (Article XI, Section 11)
 - Otherwise provided by law – (Education, Water Code, etc.)



Contracts/Joint Elections

- Joint Elections
 - If two or more entities are holding an election on the same day in a particular territory, then they may enter into a joint election agreement and share precincts, workers, and/or equipment, etc. (Chapter 271)
- Contract for Election Services
 - Contract between county election officer and entity holding election for various election services including the leasing of election equipment. (31.092)



Pre-Election Day Procedures

- Order of Election
- Candidate Filing Period
- Notice of Election
- Ballot Drawing/Ballot Certification
- Voting Systems Testing
- Early Voting



Order of Election

- Order must include:
 - The date of the election;
 - The offices or measures to be voted on;
 - The location of the main early voting polling place;
 - The early voting clerk's official mailing address.
 - Branch early voting polling places. (Recommended for counties)
 - The dates and hours for early voting. (Recommended for counties)
 - The dates and hours of any Saturday and Sunday early voting. (Recommended for counties)
- Deadlines vary by election
- Requirements outlined in Sections **3.006**, **85.004**, **85.007(a)**, **85.007**, **83.010**.
- Forms located at:
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/index.shtml>

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Sections 3.006, 3.006, 85.004, Texas Election Code
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ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION
(ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on _____, 20____, in _____
(date)
County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI,
Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el día _____ de _____
20____, en el Condado de _____, Texas, con el propósito de elegir las siguientes oficinas del
condado y del precinto como requerido por el Artículo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitución de Texas.)

(List Offices) (Enumere los puestos oficiales)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

_____ (location) (sitio)
Recommended but not required.

between the hours of _____ a.m. and _____ p.m. beginning on _____
(entre las _____ de la mañana y las _____ de la tarde empezando el _____) (date)
and ending on _____ (y terminando el _____) (fecha)
(date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantadas por correo deberán enviarse a:)

(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

(Address) (Dirección)

(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantadas por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

_____ (date) (fecha)

Issued this _____ day of _____, 20____
(Emitióse este día _____ de _____, 20____)

(Signature of County Judge) (Firma del Jefe del Condado)



Notice of Election

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Revised by Secretary of State
Section 4.006, § 4.013, § 4.014, § 4.015 Texas Election Code
9/2009

SAMPLE
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of _____, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de _____, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November _____, 20____, for voting in a general election to elect _____ (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.
(Se notifica por la presente, que los centros electorales citados abajo se abren desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el _____ de noviembre de 20____ para votar en la Elección General para elegir _____ electores presidenciales, si es aplicable, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.
(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places (Include Name of Building and Address) (Ubicación de los centros electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:
(Para Elección Adelantada, los votantes pueden votar en cualquiera de las edificaciones mencionadas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places (Include Name of Building and Address) (Ubicación de los centros electorales de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation (Días y Horas Habiles)

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletines de votación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Elección Adelantada)

(Address) (Dirección)

(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on _____
(Las solicitudes para boletines de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse por el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

Transmit this the _____ day of _____, 20____
(Envíe este día _____ de _____, 20____)

Signature of County Judge (Firma del Jefe del Condado)

- Notice must include:
 - The type and date of the election;
 - The location of each polling place;
 - The hours the polls will be open;
 - The location of the main early voting polling place;
 - The regular dates and hours for early voting by personal appearance;
 - The dates and hours of any Saturday or Sunday early voting, if any; and
 - The early voting clerk's mailing address
- In an election ordered by the commissioners court or by an authority of a city or school district, the notice of election **must be published in a newspaper** in accordance with 4.003(a)(1).
- Forms located at:

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/poll-sub/index.shtml>

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Early Voting

- State Law requires EV be conducted in person and by mail.
- Dates of Early Voting:
 - General Rule: 17th day to 4th day before Election Day.
 - Special runoff election for state senator, state representative or primary runoff: begins on the 10th day before the elections and ends on the 4th day.
 - Uniform Election Date in May and resulting runoff: 12th day to 4th day before election.
 - If first day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, EV begins on the next regular business day. (85.001)
- Early Voting by Mail
 - State Application for a Ballot By Mail (ABBM) must be received between the 60th day and the 9th day before election
 - Annual ABBM due to age or disability (**NEW LAW**: House Bill 666, 83rd Legislature)
 - Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) must be received by the 7th day before the election.



Application for a Ballot By Mail

DO NOT REMOVE PERFORATED TABS. Moisten here and fold bottom to top to seal. DO NOT REMOVE PERFORATED TABS. Moisten here and fold bottom to top to seal.

Application for Ballot by Mail Prescribed by the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas A5-15a2 (REV. 10/11) For Official Use Only VARIO County Election Precinct # Statement of Residence, etc.

Instructions for certain fields of this application can be found on the back of this form.

1 Last Name (Please print information) _____ Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.) _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

2 Residence Address: See back of this application for clarification. _____ City _____, TX Zip Code _____

3 Mail my ballot to: If mailing address differs from residence address, please complete Box # 7. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4 Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

5 a Check appropriate boxes in 5a OR 5b.

5 a Uniform Election Dates (Select the applicable election)

☐ May Uniform Election ☐ Any Resulting Runoff

☐ November Election ☐ Other _____

5 b PRIMARY Election Select one or both

☐ Primary ☐ Democratic

☐ Primary Runoff ☐ Republican

You must declare one political party to vote in a primary.

6 Reason for Voting by Mail Check one or more.

☐ 65 years of age or older.

☐ Disability.

☐ Expected absence from the county. Be sure to complete Box # 8.

☐ Confinement in jail.

7 If you are requesting this ballot be mailed to a different address (other than residence), indicate where the ballot will be mailed.

☐ Mailing address as listed on my voter registration certificate

☐ Retirement center

☐ Nursing home, assisted living facility, or long term care facility

☐ Address of the jail

☐ Hospital

☐ Relative, relationship _____

☐ Address outside the county (see Box #8)

8 If you selected "expected absence from the county," see reverse for instructions. _____

Date you can receive mail at this address _____

9 "I certify that the information given in this application is true, and I understand that giving false information in this application is a crime."

SIGN HERE

If unable to sign, applicant must mark this box in presence of witness and proceed to Box #11b.

X Signature or Mark of Applicant. If making a mark, see Box #11b.

If someone helped you to complete this form or mails the form for you, then that person must complete the section below.

11 a See back for Witness and Assistant definitions.

☐ If you are acting as a Witness, please check this box.

☐ If you are acting as an Assistant, please check this box.

☒ If you are acting as Witness and Assistant, please check both boxes.

11 b If applicant is unable to sign or mark Box # 9, the witness shall check this box.

Failure to complete this information is a Class A misdemeanor if signature was witnessed or applicant was assisted in completing the application.

X Signature of Witness/Assistant

X Printed Name of Witness/Assistant _____

11 c Full Residence Address of Witness/Assistant (to include City/State/Zip)

Street Address _____ Apt Number (if applicable) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Este formulario está disponible en Español. Para conseguir la versión en Español favor de llamar sin cargo 1.800.252.8663 a la oficina del Secretario de Estado o la Secretaría de Votación por Adelantado.

Instructions for Application for Ballot by Mail

Residence Address - Use this address as shown on your voter registration certificate. If you have moved within the county but not yet changed your voter registration address with the voter registrar, indicate your new residence address.

Mail Ballot To - Check this address where you wish to have ballot mailed, if the address is different from your residence address.

Mailing Ballot to a Different Address - Your ballot must be mailed to your home where you live or to your mailing address on your voter registration certificate. There are some exceptions that allow you to have your ballot mailed to a different location as specified below.

Exception for mailing by mail	Location for mail ballot
65 or disabled	Retirement center, assisted living/retirement center, relative, hospital
Expected from county	Address of jail or relative
Expected from county	Address outside county of county

Expected Absence from County - If you chose expected absence from county, you must expect to be absent from the county on election day and during the hours of early voting or the remainder of the early voting period after you submit your application. Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county. Important: Give date you can receive mail at the address given. If an application is submitted after early voting in person has begun, the application must be submitted to your early voting clerk by mail or courier/contract carrier. An application may be taxed.

Deadlines - Your application must be received by the early voting clerk of the local entity conducting the election not earlier than the 60th day and not later than the 7th day before election day. If the 7th day is a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the first preceding business day. For a Saturday election, the deadline usually falls on the preceding Friday (11th day).

Sign and date your application - If unable to sign, please go to Witness/Assistant Boxes (11a-11c on reverse) and have a person witness your mark. Witness/Assistant instructions follow.

Witness/Assistant Section

Witness: If you are unable to sign your name (due to a physical disability or literacy), the application may be signed at Box #11b for you by a Witness. You must offer your mark to the application in Box #9 or, if you are unable to make a mark, then the Witness must check the appropriate box to 11a indicating the inability to make a mark. The Witness must state his/her name is printed here and indicate his/her relationship to you or, if unknown, state that fact. The Witness must sign and provide his or her printed name and residence address. Unless the Witness is a close relative of the voter (parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling), it is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to witness more than one application for ballot by mail.

Assistant: If a person (other than a close relative or person registered to vote at the same address) assists you in completing this application in your presence or mails this application on your behalf, then that person must check the "Assistant" box. The Assistant must sign, provide his or her printed name, and his or her residence address. A person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person provides assistance without providing the information described above unless a close relative or registered at your address.

If you have further questions or need additional assistance, please contact your Early Voting Clerk or the Secretary of State's office at 1.800.252.8663 or www.sos.state.tx.us.

DO NOT REMOVE PERFORATED TABS. Moisten here and fold bottom to top to seal.

FROM _____

TO EARLY VOTING CLERK _____

SEAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

APPLY HERE OR ADDRESS TO EARLY VOTING CLERK

APPLY FIRST CLASS POSTAGE

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In Person Voting

- Voter ID required or exemption listed on VR certificate
(NEW LAW: Senate Bill 14, 82nd Legislature)
 - Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 - Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
 - Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
 - Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
 - United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
 - United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
 - United States passport



Curbside Voting/Accessibility

- **Curbside Voting**
 - Voter physically unable to enter polling place may vote curbside.
 - Election worker(s) qualify voter, bring a selection of ballots or a DRE to the voter, and allow voter to choose, mark, and cast ballot curbside.
- **Accessibility**
 - All buildings used as polling places in Texas must be accessible to voters with disabilities.
 - With certain exemptions, each polling place must provide at least one accessible voting machine for use by voters with disabilities so that such voters may vote in private and without assistance.



Post-Election Procedures

- Election Night Returns (ENR)
- Voting Systems Testing
- Canvass
- Reports
 - Precinct by Precinct Report
 - Partial Manual Count Report



Post-Election Procedures

- Qualifying for Office
 - Certificate of Election (67.016)
 - Statement of Elected Officer (Art XVI, Sec. 1, Tex. Const.)
 - Oath of Office, Chapter 602, Texas Government Code
- Filed locally, unless district or state office.



Form 1700 Rev. 08/2013

Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings Section
P.O. Box 12867
Austin, TX 78712-2867
512-463-6334
Filing Fee: None

STATEMENT OF OFFICER

In the name and by the authority of
The State of Texas
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that at a general election held on
Any Day, Any Month, Any Year
JOHN DOE
was duly elected
ANY OFFICER.

In testimony whereof, I have
hereunto signed my name and
caused the seal of _____ to be
affixed at the City of _____
this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Elected Officer or
Counting Authority

Certificate of Election



Form 1700 Rev. 08/2013

Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings Section
P.O. Box 12867
Austin, TX 78712-2867
512-463-6334
Filing Fee: None

STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not
directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or
thing of value, or promised any public office or employment to the giving or withholding of a vote at the
election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whenever the
same may be, or help me God.

Precinct to Which Elected Appointed:
City and/or County:

Execution

I declare penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein
are true.
Date: _____

Signature of Officer

Form 1700

Print Reset

Statement of Elected Officer



Form 1700 Rev. 08/2013

Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings Section
P.O. Box 12867
Austin, TX 78712-2867
512-463-6334
Filing Fee: None

OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully
execute the duties of the office of _____ of
the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws
of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

Signature of Officer

County of _____
Signed to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(not)

Signature of Notary Public or Other Officer
(A Notary Seal is Required)

Notary Seal

Oath of Office



Post-Election Procedures

- Recounts (Title 13, Election Code)
 - Petition for a Recount
 - Automatic Recount
 - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/recounts.shtml>
- Election Contests (Title 14, Election Code)
 - Action occurs in district court.
 - Losing candidate files suit against the winning candidate.



Voting Systems

- Voting System Standards
- State Certification Process
- Adoption of a Voting System
- Contract to Acquire a System



Voting Systems

- Methods of Voting
 - DRE Voting System
 - Optical Scan Voting System
 - Manually Counted Paper Ballots
- Testing Requirements
 - Acceptance Test
 - Hardware Diagnostic Test
 - Logic and Accuracy Test



Websites

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